

The perfect setting for the next International Conference on LCA

Pucón, Chile 27–29 April 2009 (<http://www.cilca2009.cl>)

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Invitation

It is with great pleasure that

- the Chilean Research Center of Mining and Metallurgy (CIMM),
- the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative and
- the International Scientific and Organizing Committee

extend an open invitation for you to join and be an active participant of CILCA in Chile on 26–29 April 2009 (<http://www.cilca2009.cl>). You cannot afford to miss it!

The International Conference on LCA, referred to as CILCA from its initials in Spanish, is held biannually in different countries of Latin America, with participation from experts and interested audiences from all over the world. The first CILCA realized in 2005 in San José, Costa Rica, by ALCALA, will always be a milestone for the LCA community of the region. After Costa Rica, came CILCA 2007, hosted in Sao Paulo, Brazil and carried very successfully by the Brazilian Life Cycle Association (ABCV).

Program

CILCA 2009 offers a diverse and promising program. The Conference will focus on local and regional business initiatives as well as global policy, as these contribute towards sustainable consumption and production under a framework of life cycle approaches and applications.

To date, two round tables are programmed to take place: the first on National and Regional Networks and Initiative—to discuss issues as diverse as certification of LCA practitioners, specific Prosul project and new initiatives—

and the second on International LCI Format and Databases in order to enhance the path for continued cooperation.

A total of four plenary sessions have been established with keynote speakers from INDUSTRY, NGOs, ACADEMIA and UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative.

Overall, the presentations (to date more than 30 presentations have been confirmed, with the call for papers still open, see below) are intended to be allocated into the following four sessions:

- I. Research oriented: methodology,
- II. Research oriented: cases studies,
- III. User oriented: industrial applications, and
- IV. User oriented: general applications.

In addition, and due to the importance of mining and the metallurgical sector in South America, a special session on ‘Life Cycle Approach & Mining and Metals’ could be included based on the number of papers received.

Furthermore, several in-depth courses as well as short introductory workshops on LCA methodology are programmed to take place just prior to the Conference, on Saturday April 25th and Sunday April 27th.

Other specific meetings, such as those concerning work on the regional organization, the next CILCA 2011 in Mexico and the proposal for the future CILCA 2013, as the venue for a more global event, are also planned to take place in Chile this April 2009.

Languages of the conference will be Spanish and English, and provisions are being made for translation services when applicable.

Call for papers

The call for papers has been issued and the dates indicate 23 December 2008 and 31 January 2009 as deadlines for abstract submissions and poster presentations, respective-

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ly, and 10 March 2009 for full paper submittals. Oral presentation upload is expected by 10 April 2009.

Early registration is open from December 2008 through 27 February 2009. It is important to keep in mind that all authors must be duly registered by this date.

Early bird registration fee: US\$500.00, late registration will have an additional charge of US\$150.00.

CICLA 2009 venue

Following the tradition already established by previous CILCA events, interesting and beautiful venues combined with groundbreaking activities to further develop LC thinking, CICLA 2009 venue (www.granhotelpucon.com), is set in the small and strategically situated touristic town of Pucón, located next to the city of Temuco (the foremost city of one of the major aboriginal etnia in Chile: the Mapuches or People of the Earth), approximately 780 km south of Santiago and close to a hot springs and spa, as well as near several national parks such as Conguillio and

Huerquehue. Conguillio is known worldwide for its Araucaria's forest and the Jurassic-like environment, which provided the setting for the BBC television series 'Walking with Dinosaurs'. The National Park Huerquehue is a mountain covered with primary forest and seven interconnected pristine lakes (more information at: <http://www.pucononline.cl/>).

Be welcome

Do come to CILCA 2009 in Pucón this April: It is the perfect setting for an event worth being part of and no one who is interested in LCA, as well as on sustainable consumption and production, should miss it!

For further details and to register, visit the Conference website: <http://www.cilca2009.cl> or contact Claudia Peña, CILCA 2009 host and organizing coordinator, under info@cilca2009.cl.

SEE YOU IN PUCON, CHILE, 27–29 APRIL FOR CILCA 2009!